

local Norristown businessman. The youngest of six children, Harry grew up with a strong sense of family, faith, philanthropy. Harry left school at the age of 16 to join the family beverage business. However, before leaving school, Harry met Seda Scoma, his wife, in the 7th grade at Rittenhouse Junior High School. The couple was married on November 4, 1956 and have three children, Joseph, Susan, and Harry Jr., as well as a growing number of grandchildren.

Harry's strong Catholic faith has been a guiding light throughout his life. Harry has dedicated his life to serving his church and community. He was the chairman of the Holy Saviour Church Building Committee fundraiser, chairman of the Columbus Monument Elmwood Park fundraiser, and participated in the Bishop Kenrich, Centennial Capital Committee of Holy Saviour Church, Sacred Heart Hospital and Montgomery Hospital fundraising efforts. Harry is also the chairman of the Norristown Police Athletic League fundraiser, chairman of the Invest in a Cop initiation, and a trustee for the Plymouth Township Police Department fundraiser. Additionally, Harry served for 6 years on the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors and was chairman for 2 of those years.

When not serving others, Harry enjoys golfing at area golf clubs and he continues to honor his family's Italian heritage by co-founding and participating in the Italian American Heritage Club and Camelot Club in Norristown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Harry P. Mirabile, Sr. on being selected the Man of the Year by the Sicilian Businessmen of Norristown and for his years of exemplary service and commitment to the Norristown Community.

MEDICAL CENTER OF LEWISVILLE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Medical Center of Lewisville, located in the heart of the 26th district of Texas.

The Medical Center of Lewisville provides state-of-the-art medical services in its beautiful new facility, and is administered by a truly supportive and caring staff. Beyond saving lives, the Center has been very active in promoting comprehensive health initiatives and participating in a wide variety of local programs to benefit the community for the past three decades.

After working and serving at the Medical Center of Lewisville, it is particularly heartwarming to know that it is celebrating its 30th year. The staff, physicians, and nursing personnel truly make the Medical Center of Lewisville a unique institution. It provides exemplary, cutting-edge medical care without losing its sense of humanity and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Medical Center of Lewisville on its 30th anniversary. I am proud to have this facility in my district and look forward to many more years of quality health care and service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD GROVOM

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Richard Grovom as he prepares to donate his 307th pint of blood to the American Red Cross.

Richard began donating blood in 1945 when he was in the U.S. Army. One of his fellow soldiers needed emergency surgery and Richard stepped forward and donated blood. He continued donating on and off over the next 10 years until 1955. At that time his oldest daughter was born with a peptic ulcer. She was 2 days old, bleeding, and was given donated blood. The kindness of that anonymous person inspired Richard and he decided to make donating blood an ongoing part of his life. His motto is "It is better to give than receive."

When Richard had donated his 36th gallon of blood the Red Cross presented him with a case to hold the gallon pins he had earned over the years. He has now earned both his 37th and 38th gallon pins and the blood he donated when stationed at Camp Roberts in California is not included in this amount. A resident of Grand Blanc, Michigan, Richard is a retired tool and die foreman with Chevrolet. He is part of the elite group of Americans that donate blood. The American Red Cross estimates that 5 percent of our population donates blood, but 95 percent of Americans will need blood at least once in their lifetime.

Mr. Speaker please join me in congratulating Richard Grovom for his immense achievement and may God bless him for his generosity to his fellow citizens.

HONORING SPENCER COUNTY STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six remarkable students from the Spencer County School System for their participation and high achievement in the National History Day Competition held last month at the University of Maryland.

National History Day is an innovative history education program for students in grades 6–12 who are interested in improving their historical knowledge in a fun and challenging environment. Each year, students choose a topic congruent with an annual theme, conduct research, then synthesize and analyze their findings into a paper, exhibit, documentary or performance. These projects are then evaluated at the local, state, and national levels. Finalists from each level advance to the next round of competition.

This year's theme was "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Ten Shelby County students, who placed first or second at the state contest held at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort last April, traveled to Washington, DC, to compete in the national contest at the

University of Maryland, June 15–19. Together, they demonstrated great academic prowess, teamwork and sportsmanship before a regional audience, representing competitive values that make Kentucky proud.

I would like to commend Maureen McCoy, Paige Walls, Joel Fickel, Ashleigh Steever, Chase Thomas and Breisa Baker for their accomplishment. I would also like to recognize the effort and support of their coaches. I am very proud to represent these students, educators and their families.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these students for their achievement and wish them continued success in their promising future years.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE CHIEF RANDAL MICHAEL ULIBARRI

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Randal Michael Ulibarri, Chief of Police of the Union City, California Police Department. Chief Ulibarri is retiring after 30 years of exemplary service on the force.

Chief Ulibarri grew up in Fremont and first worked at the Pacific States Steel Mill in Union City and joined the police department in 1976. As an officer, he served as a member of the Department's Specialized Enforcement Response Team (SERT) and held the positions of Detective and Field Training Officer.

He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Sergeant on October 16, 1986. As a sergeant, Chief Ulibarri served as the SERT team leader. His other assignments included Personnel and Training Manager, Crime Prevention and Research Analysis Supervisor, and patrol watch commander. He is a graduate of the Herman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute.

On October 25, 1995, Chief Ulibarri was promoted to lieutenant and was assigned as the SERT team commander and in addition was assigned to the Administrative Division and Field Operations Division. He is credited with developing and implementing the Community Policing Program for the Department.

Chief Ulibarri was promoted to captain on December 15, 1997 and was responsible for administrative oversight over both the Support Services Division and the Field Operations Division. He attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and graduated with the 192nd class. He is a member of the California Police Chiefs Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

On July 20, 2000, Chief Ulibarri was promoted to the position of Chief of the Union City Police Department. During his long and distinguished career, two of his most noteworthy accomplishments are the development of the Volunteer Program and the Police Chaplain's Program.

Chief Ulibarri's colleagues, friends, family and admirers will come together on January 13, 2007 to honor his illustrious career as he retires after years of dedicated law enforcement service. I join in thanking him for a job well done.